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SUMMARY.

President Taft is at present en route to Panama to inspect the canal.

The King Edward memorial (equestrian statue) will be erected on site between Pall Mall and the Duke of York's column.

It is reported that the Turks have massacred the Christians on the island of Mytilene.

Part of the Turkish fleet is now located near the entrance to the Dardanelles.

The vessels were damaged in the recent naval encounter in the vicinity.

Spain is still in the hands of the Turks. The fighting has resulted in heavy loss on both sides.

There is a good deal of mystery surrounding the arrival of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria at Salabka.

The "New Free Press" (Vienna) states that the visit will probably make Bulgaria's pretensions evident.

The discussions at the ambassadors' conference have cleared the air.

It is held that there is no need for no apprehension over contentious questions.

King George is to receive the peace delegates at Buckingham Palace to-day.

The Mansion House fund for the relief of the non-combatants in the area affected by the Balkan conflict has been increased to £100,000.

Paris newspapers reprobate the provocative attitude of Austria towards Serbia.

The Merchandise Marks Bill introduced in the Commons, provides that all imported foreign articles shall be marked, "not British."

It is also provided that goods of British and colonial manufacture shall be branded.

The House of Commons further considered the Welsh Disestablishment Bill in committee on Thursday.

An amendment to leave the glebe lands to the church caused a heated debate. It was rejected by 277 to 168.

The wires in the public telephone boxes in Nottingham have been cut by women suffragettes.

The national aviation fund in Germany has reached £200,000.

The military law has been adopted by the Austro-Hungarian delegation, after a 40-hour struggle.

The South African footballers defeated North by 3 points to 3.

A majority of the newspapers in Britain have published Christmas Day, enabling 1,000,000 workers to keep the holiday.

A fierce battle has been fought in Mexico. Hundreds of rebels were killed, and the Federal troops lost heavily.

An unusually large number of visitors are coming from Queensland to Sydney for the Christmas holidays.

The move engaged in handling wheat at Port Adelaide struck yesterday.

The position is regarded as serious, and it is feared the trouble will extend to the metropolis.

A fire broke out on the steamer Port Pirie when off Cape Northumberland at midnight on Thursday.

The outbreak was subdued after four hours' strenuous fighting with the flames.

Senator McColl, Mr. Carr, Salmon, and Mr. S. Mauger have been elected to the Liberal candidates in Victoria for the Senate.

The insurance Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday.

It provides for the appointment of a commissioner, responsible for the administration of the Act.

His Excellency Prothonotary that the problem of the colonization of tropical Australia can only be solved by scientific study.

An informal conference was held yesterday between the Hon. Mr. Justice and the Hon. Mr. Justice in regard to Government House.

It is expected that the points of law in the various cases to be determined will come before the Equity Court early.

The standing committee of the City Council for the coming year were elected last evening. Keen interest was shown.

Two aldermen were elected to three committees, and the legality of the appointment was questioned.

At Tarana, Mr. Carmichael affirmed that the labour movement was never more solid than at present.

In addressing a meeting at Rydal Mr. Beely said he was not a unionist.

He believed, however, in more power being given to the Federal Council, as it possessed at present under certain conditions.

The gas employees' committee has called a mass meeting of the union to consider the telegraphists' request to be allowed to revert to the old conditions pending arbitration is to be resumed.

The first progress report by Mr. McAlpine in the latter investigation has been published.

He draws some important conclusions, and believes that when thoroughly investigated the various cases will be found to be correct.

Mr. Keenan, a governor at Wollara station, Burwood, was drowned in the Darling River while bathing.

A number of trades were tried yesterday for infringements of the Pure Food Act.

Bush fires have been prevalent in many parts of the country.

A large tract of country between Walland and a Dubbo was burnt.

A severe storm broke over Wollongong on Thursday evening, and a good deal of damage was done to the city.

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FARMERS' XMAS SHOPPING.

BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS.

TO-DAY—CLOSE AT 1 P.M.

XMAS EVE (TUESDAY, NEXT). CLOSE AT 6 P.M. AS USUAL.

XMAS DAY (DEC. 25)—CLOSED.

BOXING DAY (DEC. 26)—CLOSED.

OPENING AS USUAL FOR BUSINESS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

XMAS EVE—TUESDAY NEXT.

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CHRISTMAS.

It is true enough, no doubt, that the appeal of Christmas varies with its surrounding circumstance. Sometimes, of course, and Christmas comes merely in pathetic suggestion of the might have been. But for

In that regard of outing and home Christmas has a unique holiday appeal in addition to its many other virtues. crowds upon the streets just now are largely made up of those from whom coming week is the beginning of an annual holiday time. It is to our advantage that Christmas finds us set in the m of the summer season, the geniality which, though it may be threatened occasional excess of heat, surrounds us sufficiently with the characteristic growth of the north, in many ways the same as our Christmas a gusty of invitation that makes up for our lack of the traditional northern incitements family fellowship and general fraternal feeling. There are many among us, do I know, who are not so much as fond of far other than that they once knew as familiar, when the short dark days of winter were about them, and the rigorous December, if they were to be enjoyed all, had to be enjoyed by energy of inward warmth. For them the relief of the freer air, and the hard-baked earth, and the cold grey sky were always to be gratefully exchanged for indoors, and gratings about the hearth, and the coziness of home, and the good cheer of fires, lights, and close companionship. But we know not what it is that makes the Christmas of the north, how much

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tally the harvest time of the city. Its business activity has, however, this distinction peculiar to itself, that the tremendous buying and selling that goes on is concerned almost entirely with grace and beauty, with the very material and further, that it is almost wholly a matter of kindly thought for other people, and hardly ever a matter of self-interest. The virtue of Christmas is, in both respects, an abiding advantage to us. There is also in these Christmas crowds, and the upsurge of the city, a certain witness to the sufficiency of the city as centre of supply. In that regard the growth of Sydney is as much in evidence to-day in the business houses as in any of that more concrete witness, the spread of its outer activities.

More than in any other city, the Christmas crowds in Sydney represent the standards set up in the great cities of the world. The quality varies, of course, with the spending power and the native taste of the populations they serve, and the personal wealth, but at any rate, of European and American cities, Sydney is not far behind. But there can be few places where the spending ability of the people is so spread about the community as in the cities of Australia, and, as a consequence, there can be few places where a good quality of service is so generally available. The very fact that the city is so sufficed, the propensity

ment holiday. It has not less on that account its other loftier observance. The churches never lack congregations. Christmas Day. They will never lack the white men and women have been moved to remembrance by devotion, even by the beauty of a sublime idea. The day's great theme has no less appeal in Australia, surely, where the festival of Christ-child is celebrated in unnumbered surroundings of child life, and a community more than any other filled with happy childhood.

THE THEATRE IN SYDNEY.

In many respects the production of "Milestones" last Saturday was the most important event that has happened in the theatrical life of Sydney—in other words, in a large proportion of the population of the city. For a long time past, the theatre has been one of the rejuvenating forces on the stage in England. "Notes on the rise of the drama, a question invariably set" have become a constant feature in the heavier magazines, and we have been given an opportunity of estimating the value of modern plays as a source of such things as have appeared in books, not as a people who read magazines and

Many more people here plays now than in the past. Theatres are everywhere and the quality of their goods, and the demand upon them by all classes of the community, Sydney comes into a familiar inheritance at Christmas too, in the matter of the patronage of the country—this year again as extensive and as solid as ever. And medium leaves the actors their full share though the country families will presently

BALKAN WAR. PEACE CONFERENCE WAITS. EUROPEAN SITUATION EASIER. THE NAVAL BATTLE.

LONDON, Dec. 20. King George will receive the peace delegates at Buckingham Palace on Saturday. The conference has adjourned until Saturday, pending the arrival of a courier, who is bringing instructions for the Turkish delegates in regard to meeting the Greek delegates.

AMBAASSADORS' CONFERENCE.
LONDON, Dec. 20. Reuter's Agency reports that the discussions which have already taken place at the conference of Ambassadors in regard to the situation arising out of the Balkan War have cleared the air, and if peace is concluded within a reasonable time, there need be no apprehension over questions which hitherto have caused anxiety.

AUSTRIAN MOBILISATION.
PARIS, Dec. 19. The newspapers refer in terms of reproach to the provocative attitude of Austria towards Serbia, especially the demonstrative character of the army mobilisation.

KING FERDINAND AT SALONIKA.
SALONIKA, Dec. 20. There is a good deal of mystery surrounding the arrival here of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. King George of Greece was present at the station to meet him, but he did not arrive when he was expected, and came later when a Greek press correspondent was waiting for him.

VIENNA, Dec. 20. The "Neue Freie Presse" states that the visit of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria to Salonika will probably make Bulgaria's position easier.

FIGHTING IN EPIRUS.
ATHENS, Dec. 20. The check sustained by the Macedonian Legion, which lost all its officers and had 400 men killed or wounded, caused rumours of a Turkish victory at Janina, where 30,000 Turks are heavily besieging the town.

THE NAVAL BATTLE.
ATHENS, Dec. 20. Several vessels of the Turkish fleet are now being towed to the entrance to the Dardanelles, having been damaged in the recent naval encounter in that vicinity.

MASSACRE ON MITYLENE.
ATHENS, Dec. 20. A Greek vessel has sent a wireless message to the effect that the Turks have massacred the Christians on the island of Mitylene.

MANSION HOUSE FUND.
LONDON, Dec. 19. The Mansion House fund for the relief of non-combatants in the area affected by the Balkan War totals £10,500.

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